

## Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**  
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

Travel date(s): October 22-October 24, 2021

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Sandy Cornyn

Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$65	\$204 for the senator	\$127 for the senator	\$480 for the senator for private meeting/dining space; AV & conference services

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$65	\$0 for the senator's spouse	\$127 for the senator's spouse	\$480 for the senator's spouse for private meeting/dining space; AV & conference services

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. *See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6).* (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See attached agenda

11/15/2021  
 (Date)

John Cornyn  
 (Printed name of traveler)

John Cornyn  
 (Signature of traveler)

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

11/15/2021  
 (Date)

John Cornyn  
 (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



June 3, 2021



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Charlie Dent

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Executive Director

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Congressional Program

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The Honorable John Cornyn  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear John:

I would like to invite you and Sandy to participate in a congressional conference on **U.S.-Russia Relations: Competition, Deterrence, and Diplomacy**, which will be held October 22-24, 2021 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. We have limited space and must hear from you proactively as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

We have assembled a team of respected experts to lead our discussions, which will be held at the Eisenhower farm, where Ike hosted Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. The agenda will cover U.S. strategy for global competition between the U.S., Russia and China; a review of Russia since the fall of the Soviet Union 30 years ago; threats and opportunities in the realms of cyber, space and WMD; and a look ahead for U.S.-Russia policy. Susan Eisenhower will share her reflections and set the stage for our discussions. We will also have an educational site visit to the historic Gettysburg battlefield. Our purpose is to help you to be better informed with a range of critical analysis for making important policy decisions. An agenda outline is attached.

We are optimistic that the circumstances related to COVID will continue to improve. We will follow any COVID safety protocols required by authorities.

Attendance is by invitation only, with no outside observers, lobbyists, or congressional staff. Funding is provided solely by grants from established foundations—no government, individual, corporate or special interest funds are accepted.

Under guidelines established by the Senate Select Ethics Committee, we will provide you with a signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form affirming that no lobbyists fund this activity, that the Aspen Institute does not hire or retain lobbyists, and that no lobbyists will be present. Our purpose is education, not advocacy.

This program is designed for Members of both the Senate and the House. Please note that because the House has adopted rules that preclude registered lobbyists from attending our events, if your accompanying spouse or family member is a registered lobbyist, the rules would bar their participation.

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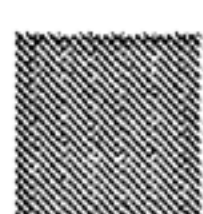
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Departure will be on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will return on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Should you accept the invitation, it is required that you participate through the duration of the conference.

Travel expenses, including transportation from Washington, meals, lodging, and meeting facilities will be paid by the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. Under the ethics rules, no expenses are covered for entertainment or recreation. Congressional participants are limited to only one accompanying family member.

The Aspen Institute, an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1950, provides a nonpartisan, neutral forum for leaders to discuss critical issues. The Institute's Congressional Program is designed to promote leadership on selected public policy issues in the Congress by bringing legislators together with internationally-recognized scholars and analysts in high-level discussion. Since the program's inception, over 465 Members of Congress have participated in the 143 conferences we have conducted.

I took over leadership of this program in February after the retirement of Dan Glickman, who led the program for the last decade. I served in the U.S. House of Representatives for nearly 14 years from 2005-2018 as a Republican on the Appropriations Committee and was Chair of the Ethics Committee.

Additionally, we hold digital morning meetings throughout the year to keep Members of Congress up to date between our annual conferences. We hope you will be able to participate in the extended educational offerings of our morning series.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 484-553-1837.

We hope you will join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. W. Dent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Charles W. Dent  
Member (2005-2018)



# U.S.-Russia Relations: Competition, Deterrence, and Diplomacy

THE ASPEN INSTITUTE CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM

October 22-24, 2021

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

(Roundtable discussions will be held at the historic Eisenhower Farm where President Eisenhower hosted Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in 1959)

## **FRIDAY, October 22:**

Participants travel to Gettysburg, arriving late afternoon

*Opening Pre-Dinner Discussion*

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE COLD WAR & A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE**

*Susan Eisenhower*, Chairman Emeritus,  
The Eisenhower Institute

## **SATURDAY, October 23:**

*Welcome Remarks*

*Steven Sims*, Superintendent, Eisenhower National Historical Site

*Roundtable Discussion (9am-11am)*

### **30 YEARS AFTER 1991: IS IT A 'NEW' RUSSIA?**

*Marlene Laruelle*, Director, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies,  
George Washington University

*Yuval Weber*, Research Assistant Professor,  
Bush School of Government, Texas A&M University

*Roundtable Discussion (11am-1pm)*

### **CYBER, SPACE, AND WMD: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

*Dmitri Alperovitch*, Executive Chairman,  
Silverado Policy Accelerator

*Bruce McClintock*, lead, RAND Space Enterprise Initiative

*Educational Site Visit (2-5pm)*

### **GETTYSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL**

## **SUNDAY, October 24:**

*Roundtable Discussion (9am-11am)*

### **RUSSIA AND CHINA AS GREAT POWER COMPETITORS TO THE U.S.: HOW DEEP IS THAT PARTNERSHIP AND WHAT CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD?**

*Nikolas Gvosdev*, Professor of National Security Affairs, U.S. Naval War College

*Zack Cooper*, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

*Sun Yun*, Director, China Program, The Stimson Center

*Roundtable Discussion (11am-1pm)*

### **U.S.-RUSSIA POLICY: A 'PROBLEM FROM HELL?'**

*Emma Ashford*, Senior Fellow, The Atlantic Council

*Anna Mekanju*, Head of Public Policy, Open AI

*Luncheon Conclusion (1-2pm)*

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS: BLUEPRINTS FOR ACTION**

Observations by Members of Congress  
All participants depart



## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):  
The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
  2. Description of the trip: See attached appendix
  3. Dates of travel: October 22-24, 2021
  4. Place of travel: Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
  5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Sen. John Cornyn; Sen. Jim Risch
  6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:  
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
- OR -  
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
  7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
- AND -  
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
  8. I *certify* that:  
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
- AND -  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).



9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

—OR—

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

—OR—

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP) is the sole sponsor of this conference and developed the agenda, organized the travel, planned the conference, and invited the participants.

See attached appendix

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The Aspen Institute, Inc., is a non-profit organization, and its broad mission is conducting nonpartisan forums and the exchange of ideas on issues impacting the U.S. and the world.

See attached appendix

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

AICP has conducted international and domestic conferences for members of Congress for over 35 years.

On occasion, other policy programs of The Aspen Institute, Inc. sponsor conferences that involve members of Congress.



15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Aspen Institute, Inc. holds numerous educational activities including conferences, round-table

briefings, and other nonpartisan forums on critical issues facing the U.S. and the world.

See attached appendix

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$515 for the senator	\$204 for the senator	\$127 for the senator	\$480 for the senator & \$480 for spouse
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$515 for the senator's spouse	\$0 for the senator's spouse	\$127 for the senator's spouse	for private meeting/dining space, AV & conference services
	See attached appendix			

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The event is arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

See attached appendix

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Wyndham Hotel, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

This hotel offers the required private meeting and dining space and conference technology.

Security a key factor.



21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Lodging is below the daily per diem rate and meals are at the daily per diem rate.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

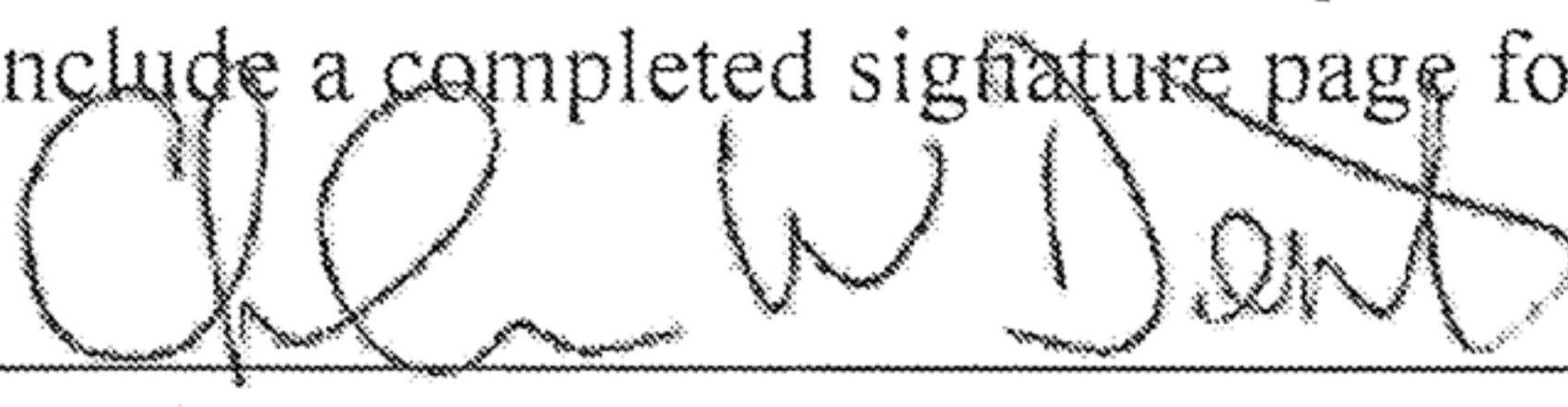
Roundtrip travel via hired car from/to Washington, DC to Gettysburg, PA, and bus ground transport in Gettysburg between hotel and meeting site.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Charles W. Dent, Vice President, The Aspen Institute, Inc. and Executive Director, AICP

Name of Organization: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

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# U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONS: COMPETITION, DETERRENCE, AND DIPLOMACY

THE ASPEN INSTITUTE CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM

October 22-24, 2021 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

(Saturday's discussions will be held at the Eisenhower Farm where President Eisenhower hosted Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in 1959.)

## **FRIDAY, October 22:**

Participants arrive this afternoon between 3-5 pm

*Sen. Cornyn and Mrs. Cornyn travel to Gettysburg in personal car at personal expense departing from Washington, DC and arriving in Gettysburg early evening.*

6:00 – 7:00 pm

*Pre-Dinner Fireside Discussion*

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE COLD WAR AND A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE**

U.S.-Russian relations have been tense since the Bolshevik revolution and the establishment of the Soviet Union. However, what was once primarily a rivalry of systems became an existential threat with the advent of the atomic and hydrogen bombs. Looking back on the post-Stalin years and then again forty years later, an era of unprecedented bi-lateral cooperation, Susan Eisenhower will offer some observations on our current time and a possible path for the future of the U.S.-Russian relationship.

*Susan Eisenhower, Chairman Emeritus, The Eisenhower Institute*

7:00 – 9:00 pm

*Working Dinner*

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussion will focus on the opportunities, challenges, and potential solutions regarding U.S.-Russia relations.

## **SATURDAY, October 23:**

7:30 – 8:15 am Breakfast is available for all participants

8:15 – 8:45 am Transit to Eisenhower Farm

8:55 – 9 am

### **WELCOMING REMARKS**

In 1950 the Eisenhowers bought this 189-acre farm adjoining the Gettysburg Battlefield. During Ike's first term as President, major renovations were done on the house. Eisenhower used his weekends at Gettysburg to escape the pressures of the presidency. He would bring dignitaries to Camp David for meetings, then on to the farm, and for a sit on the porch, which allowed him, "to get the other man's equation." Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was one such visitor in 1959, concluding a ten-day visit to the U.S. The Eisenhowers donated the farm to the National Park Service in 1967.

*Stephen Sims, Superintendent  
Eisenhower National Historical Site*



9:00 – 9:15 am

**INTRODUCTION AND FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE**

This conference is organized into roundtable conversations and pre-dinner remarks. This segment will highlight how the conference will be conducted, how those with questions will be recognized, and how responses will be timed to allow for as many questions and answers as possible.

*Charles W. Dent, Executive Director,  
Aspen Institute Congressional Program*

9:15 – 11 am

*Roundtable Discussion***30 YEARS AFTER 1991: IS IT A 'NEW' RUSSIA?**

Vladimir Putin has been in power in Russia for over two decades and has built what appears to be a highly consolidated authoritarian system, while weathering social, economic, and geopolitical crises. Russia permits increasingly little space for public political dissent, yet the Russian people as a whole appear to tolerate, if not fully trust, the regime that rules them. As the Kremlin cracks down on external challenges to its power, rival forces within the system may become increasingly restless, especially as Vladimir Putin ages and approaches the end of his fourth official term in 2024.

- How should Americans understand Putin's power and the Russian political system—is there more to it than just repression?
- Will a post-Putin era be more of the same?
- How has the Kremlin managed the Russian economy through multiple crises, and what are the prospects for Russia's growth, decline or stagnation in the 2020s?
- What do ordinary Russians think about their government, and how much do they share the Kremlin's rejection of "Western" values?
- What has been the impact of U.S. foreign policy on ordinary Russians, and how do they see the United States today as compared to the past?

*Marlene Laruelle, Director, Institute for European,  
Russian, and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University*  
*Yuval Weber, Research Assistant Professor  
Bush School of Government, Texas A&M University*

11:00 -11:15 am

Break

11:15 am - 1 pm

*Roundtable Discussion***CYBER, SPACE AND WMD: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Russia inherited the Soviet Union's status as a nuclear superpower, making it central not only to U.S. interests in nuclear strategic stability but also to address nonproliferation challenges such as North Korea, Iran, and non-state actors. In recent years, however, Moscow has also accelerated its investment in new domain weapons systems in outer space and cyber space, while showing greater willingness to disrupt a global balance that it thinks favors Washington. Particularly concerning have been Russia's apparent efforts to influence the 2016, 2018 and 2020 U.S. elections, the Solar Winds hack, and other cases of aggressive cyber and information operations targeting foundational institutions of U.S. democracy.

- What is the state of the U.S.-Russia nuclear relationship in the wake of the Biden-Putin agreement to extend the New START treaty?



- How can Russia be effectively deterred from future interference in U.S. elections and democratic processes?
- Does past experience with arms control and deterrence offer lessons for managing competition in cyber, space and other new domains?
- What are the prospects regarding U.S.-Russia cooperation in managing global proliferation risks, especially Iran and North Korea?
- Do the U.S. and Russia have common interests, for example, in countering online radicalization?
- What are the prospects and significance of U.S.-Russia cooperation on space operations and security?
- What is the state of U.S. leadership in space sustainability and security?

*Dmitri Alperovitch, Executive Chairman*

*Silverado Policy Accelerator*

*Bruce McClintock, Lead, RAND Space Enterprise Initiative*

1:00 – 2:00 pm

*Working Luncheon*

Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on the challenges for U.S.-Russia relations.

2:00 – 5:00 pm

*Educational Site Visit*

**GETTYSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL**

*A tour led by an historian and engaging in dialogue on lessons learned during the Civil War and how it informed future decision making in foreign policy and the Cold War.*

6:30 – 8:30 pm

*Working Dinner*

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussion will focus on the opportunities and challenges and potential solutions regarding U.S.-Russia relations.

**SUNDAY, October 24:**

7:30 – 8:55 am

Breakfast is available for all participants

9:00 – 11:00 am

*Roundtable Discussion*

**RUSSIA AND CHINA AS GREAT POWER COMPETITORS TO THE U.S.:  
HOW DEEP IS THE PARTNERSHIP AND WHAT CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD?**

Over the past half-decade, Washington's relations with both Beijing and Moscow have taken a dramatic downward turn. Russia's aggressive and destabilizing actions, and China's manipulative economic practices coupled with increasingly assertive efforts to disrupt and limit U.S. global leadership have led U.S. officials to speak of a new era of "great power competition." As the Biden Administration charts a course forward with Russia and China, it will consider not only the balance between U.S. power and that of its near-peer rivals, but the interests and capabilities of other states that are impacted by, and can help shape, this competition.

- Are Russia and China de facto allies? How deep and sustainable is their current partnership and what drives it?
- How do U.S. allies and partners see the emerging "great power competition" among the U.S., Russia, and China? How should the U.S. take their interests into account?



- Are there realistic prospects for U.S. policy to drive a wedge between Moscow and Beijing in the short or long term?
- Can Beijing or Moscow effectively drive wedges between the U.S. and its regional allies?
- How has U.S. policy been understood by allies and partners in Europe and the Indo-Pacific region?

*Zack Cooper, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute*

*Nikolas Gvosdev, Professor of National Security Affairs*

*U.S. Naval War College*

*Yun Sun, Director, China Program, The Stimson Center*

11:00-11:15 am Break

11:15 am – 1 pm *Roundtable Discussion*

### **U.S.-RUSSIA POLICY: A 'PROBLEM FROM HELL?'**

When President Dwight Eisenhower took office, he recognized the need for a thorough rethinking of U.S. policy toward the then Soviet Union, grounded in expert knowledge of Soviet intentions and capabilities, as well as recent foreign policy experience. Ike gathered the leading American experts on Russia policy of the time, including George F. Kennan, for a strategic exercise dubbed the "Solarium Project." The result was a menu of predictions and policy options that helped the Eisenhower administration and subsequent U.S. policymakers shape Cold War strategy to achieve balance among competition, containment, rollback, and other objectives. Today, as we encounter geopolitical challenges of a scale not seen since the Cold War, the U.S. might benefit from a similarly thorough strategic thinking exercise, encompassing not just Russia policy, but national security and foreign policy objectives more broadly.

- What has been and what should be the main U.S. policy goals toward Russia, and how do these goals relate to broader U.S. national interests?
- To what degree has U.S. policy succeeded in advancing these goals in recent years, and where has it failed or been counterproductive?
- Have sanctions proven effective as the main instrument of U.S. policy toward Russia? What adjustments might improve their effectiveness?
- How should the U.S. achieve balance among potentially competing interests, especially in relations with Russia and other regional states?

*Emma Ashford, Senior Fellow, The Atlantic Council*

*Anna Makanju, Head of Public Policy, Open AI*

1:00 – 2:00 pm *Working Luncheon*

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS: BLUEPRINTS FOR ACTION**

Matthew Rojansky will offer a brief summary of the discussions and scholars' policy recommendations thus far. Participants are encouraged to suggest ideas for legislative action. Questions for discussion may include:

- What is at stake for the United States in relations with Russia?
- What U.S. interests are most at threat from Russia? Are there areas of potential mutual interests?
- Have U.S. policies achieved their intended goals up to now?



- What is the right balance between legislative and executive leadership on U.S. policy toward Russia?
- What actions from Congress are needed to steer U.S.-Russia policy in the right directions?
- Can Congress in its oversight and other leadership roles play a more productive role in shedding light on these challenges?

**Matthew Rojansky**, Director, The Kennan Institute  
The Wilson Center

2:00 pm

All participants depart Gettysburg

*Sen. Cornyn and Mrs. Cornyn depart Gettysburg via personal car at personal expense early afternoon and arrive in Washington, DC late afternoon.*



## Appendix

### Senate Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form Gettysburg – Aspen Institute Congressional Program

***Question 2: Description of the trip***

Members of Congress, along with scholars and experts on US-Russia policy, will look at a broad range of topics including Russia in the current era of Putin and a post-Putin era, threats and opportunities involving Russia, and the impact of Russia and China on the U.S. and its allies.

***Question 12: Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip.***

The Aspen Institute has received general support and unrestricted funds from the Democracy Fund foundation, Henry Luce foundation and Rockefeller Brothers Fund foundation to support the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. These foundation funds were not earmarked for a specific trip and these foundations did not participate in organizing or conducting the trip.

***Question 13: Briefly described the state mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission.***

Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP) is a program of the Aspen Institute, Inc. that provides nonpartisan educational conferences and educational forums for members of Congress and senior congressional staff members. The Gettysburg conference, "U.S.-Russia Relations, Competition, Deterrence, and Diplomacy," will examine U.S. policy related to Russia, looking at lessons learned from history, economic strategy, cyber threats from Russia, and nuclear threats.

***Question 15: Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips)***

AICP, specifically, offers nonpartisan educational events for members of Congress and senior congressional staff members, with each event offering a leading scholar on a key domestic or international issue.

***Question 16: Break down of transportation expenses***

Sen. Cornyn: Roundtrip car transport in personal car to Gettysburg: \$0

Roundtrip ground transportation in Gettysburg to meeting site: \$65

Mrs. Cornyn: Roundtrip car transport with Sen. Cornyn in personal car to Gettysburg: \$0

Roundtrip ground transportation in Gettysburg to meeting site: \$65

***18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:***

The meeting will be held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, a short drive from Washington, DC, and the National Park Service's Eisenhower Farm, the home of President Eisenhower. In the fall of 1959, Nikita Khrushchev, the Premier of the Soviet Union, visited the Eisenhower Farm with President Eisenhower to discuss US-Russia relations which is the topic of this conference. Most of the conference sessions will be held on the grounds of the Eisenhower farm.